

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2003, claims 1-3, 6, 10-14, 17 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,081,883, issued to *Popelka et al.*, in view of US Patent 6,360,306, issued to *Bergsten*, in further view of US Patent 6,324,581, issued to *Xu et al.* Claims 5 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Popelka et al.*, *Bergsten*, and *Xu et al.*, in further view of US Patent 6,356,929, issued to *Gall et al.* Claims 7 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Popelka et al.*, *Bergsten*, and *Xu et al.*, in further view of US Patent 5,948,062, issued to *Tzelnic et al.* Claims 8-9 and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Popelka et al.*, *Bergsten*, and *Xu et al.*, in further view of US Patent 6,304,980 issued to *Beardsley et al.*

The Cited References Do Not Teach Obtaining An SRL Over A Network And Using The SRL To Download Files Over A Public Access Network.

New claims 22, 30 and 39 recite features for a client to obtain a storage resource locator ("SRL"), over a network, from a virtual file system ("VFS"). As claimed, the

SRL comprises “information to access said storage center over said public access network and comprises an unique file identifier to uniquely identify a file stored at said storage center.” The client uses the SRL to download a file from a storage center. The cited references, alone or in combination, do not suggest a network storage system, wherein a client obtains such an SRL over a network from a VFS, and the client uses the SRL to download files over a public network.

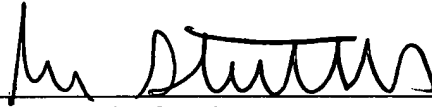
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the new claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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